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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know whether the Government would consider the question of paying these lapsed tasdik amounts to the temples in case applications are made by them? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I think I have already informed either the hon. Member or this House that the Collector can readmit any tasdik allowance which has lapsed and that if he refuses to readmit it, the Board of Revenue can do so. It is within the power of every temple whose allowance has lapsed to make such an application."

Secretariat

Representation of the Andhras on the Secretariat establishment.

* 306 *Q.*—Mr. P. Peddi Raju: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Andhras employed—

(i) in the Revenue Secretariat,

(ii) in the Law Secretariat,

(iii) in the Development Secretariat;

(*b*) the number of vacancies that arose after the 1st April 1935 up to date and the number of vacancies that are likely to arise in the next four months of the year; and

(*c*) whether any applications have been received from qualified Andhras with reference to such vacancies?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement is appended.[a]

(*c*) The selection of candidates for appointment to the clerical establishment in the Secretariat is made by the Madras Services Commission and Government do not entertain applications from candidates for such appointment.

Control of Vehicles

Refusal to issue licences to taxis five years old in Madras.

* 307 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Motor Vehicles Licensing officers at Madras are refusing to allow taxis five years old from running as taxis; and

(*b*) whether vehicles with landau body alone are now being insisted on to run as taxis?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, saloon cars are now insisted upon.

[a] Printed as Appendix XI on page 230 infra.

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Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"May I know why saloon cars are insisted upon in the case of taxis when private owners are allowed to have any kind of cars?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"The reason why saloon cars are insisted upon in the case of taxis to be newly registered is this: From the point of view of the passengers it is much more convenient than the others. Moreover, most of the manufacturers are now adopting the saloon as the standard and it has also been found by experience that it is much easier to keep it clean and tidy. It is to suit the convenience and comfort of the passengers that saloon cars are insisted upon."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know what is the test for licensing: is it the sound mechanical condition of the car or is it the number of years for which the car has run?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"The sound mechanical condition of the car."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Then why do they not grant licences to cars more than five years old?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"The answer says, 'No.' That means that licences are not refused to cars simply because they are more than five years old."

Criminal Tribes

Application of the Criminal Tribes Act to the Padayachis of South Arcot.

* 308 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the circumstances under which G.O. No. 2707 L., dated 10th December 1934, bringing under purview of the Criminal Tribes Act, the Padayachis (Vanniyakula Kshatriyas) of the district of South Arcot was issued;

(*b*) whether any recommendation was made by the District Magistrate of South Arcot to issue the order in question;

(*c*) whether before issuing the Government Order any opportunity was given to the Padayachis (Vanniyakula Kshatriyas) to state their objections, and whether the Government will be pleased to place the entire correspondence on the table of this House; and

(*d*) whether any representations have been made to the Government to rescind the Government Order and what action has been taken on them?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (*a*), (*c*) and (*d*) of question No. 166.

(*c*) No objections were invited and there was no correspondence on the recommendations.